

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the application. Claims 4, 13, 18 and 21-27 are herein cancelled without prejudice.

In the Office Action dated May 20, 2004, the Examiner states that a restriction to one of the following inventions is required:

Group 1: Claims 1-23, drawn to an apparatus for securing a tool

Group 2: Claims 24-27, drawn to a method for securing

The Examiner further states that if Applicant elects Group 1, Applicant is further required to elect only one of the distinct species below:

Species 1: Figures 1-5 (groove tool holder)

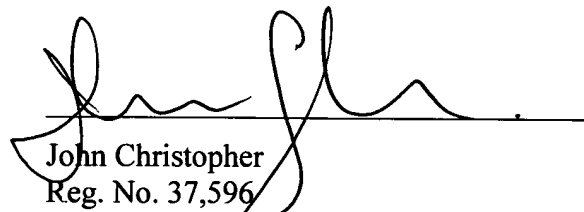
Species 2: Figures 6-7 (sleeve tool holder)

Species 3: Figures 9-10 (flat plate support)

Applicant elects the claims corresponding to the invention set out in Invention Group 1, Species 1 (groove tool holder) of the Office Action (Claims 1-3, 5-12, 14-17, 19, 20), without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed toward the non-elected inventions.

Respectfully submitted,

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